[MESSAGE FROM NUMBER_NINE]

SORRY FOR THE LATE RELEASE!

ENJOY!
:)

DID YOU FIND THE ITEM THAT WAS ENTRUSTED TO THE GIRL?
WE - AH ...
WE HAVEN'T HAD THE CHANCE TO APPROACH HER YET
THERE'S ALWAYS A BOY BRINGING HER HOME FROM SCHOOL
AND THEN SHE HANGS AROUND OTHER PEOPLE EVEN THE DELIVERY MAN—
THERE'S ALWAYS SOMEONE AROUND HER
HMM— ANOTHER ORGANI-ZATION HAS STARTED TO MAKE IT'S MOVE
DON'T GET CAUGHT
AHHH— YES— OF COURSE

AND, THAT HIGH SCHOOL BOY AROUND HER IS MAKING ME SUSPICIOUS HOW DID HE BEAT YOU?
HOWEVER, THEY'VE MADE A MISTAKE IN TRYING TO PREVENT US FROM GETTING WHAT WE WANT.
WELL, IT WOULDN'T BE WEIRD TO FIND AN OTHER ORGANIZATION AIMING FOR THE SAME GIRL.
I KNOW YOU'E LYING ABOUT BEING UNABLE TO REACH HER
HMM... AND ABOUT THE GIRL...
AH... THAT WAS JUST A SMALL ERROR ON OUR PART.
YES.
BRING IN S.O.P. THESE GUYS ARE USELESS.
IT'S THE SAME THING, NO MATTER WHERE SHE GOES.
ESPECIALLY BECAUSE WE CAN'T REACH HER AT SCHOOL. THERE'S TOO MANY PEOPLE.
OUR MOVEMENT IS VERY LIMITED, SIR.

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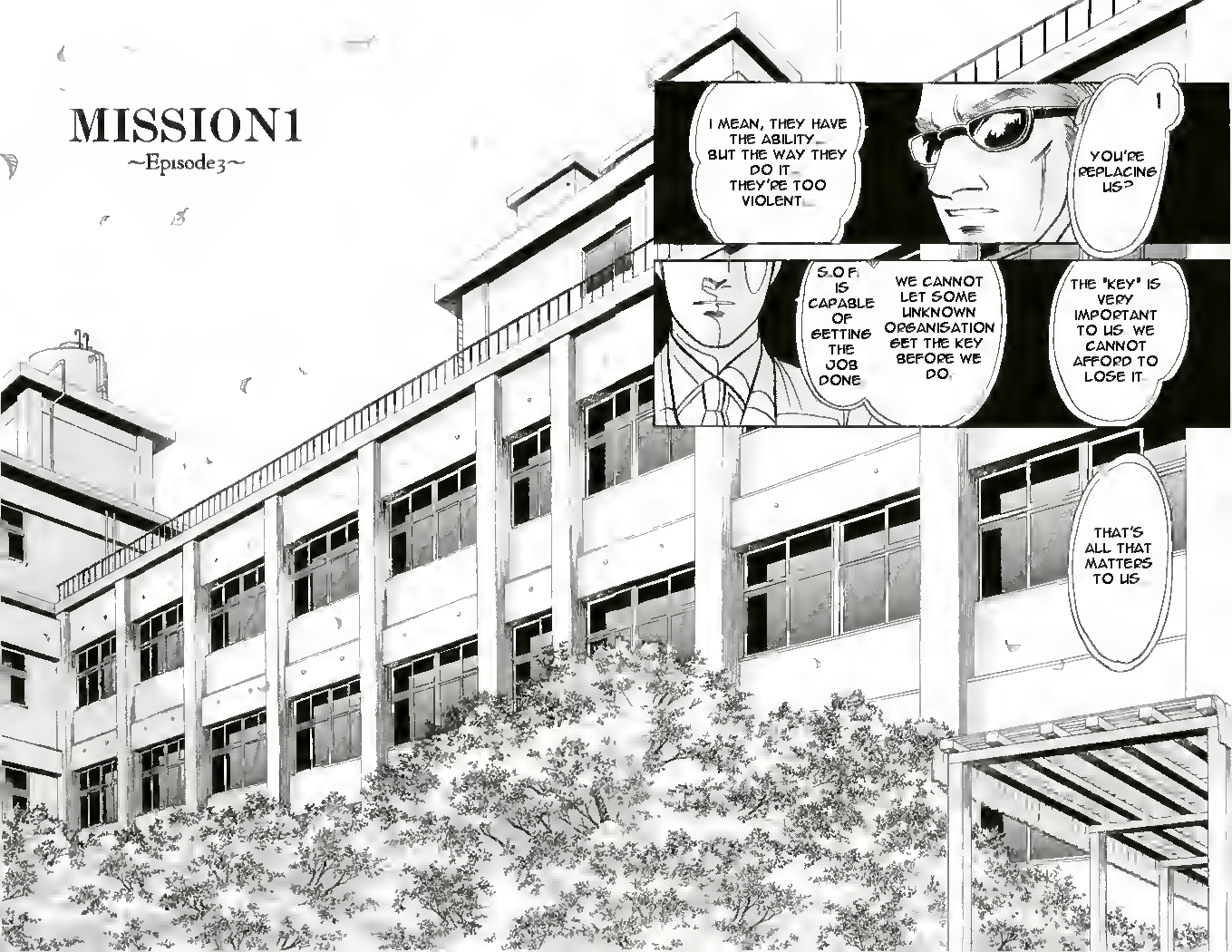
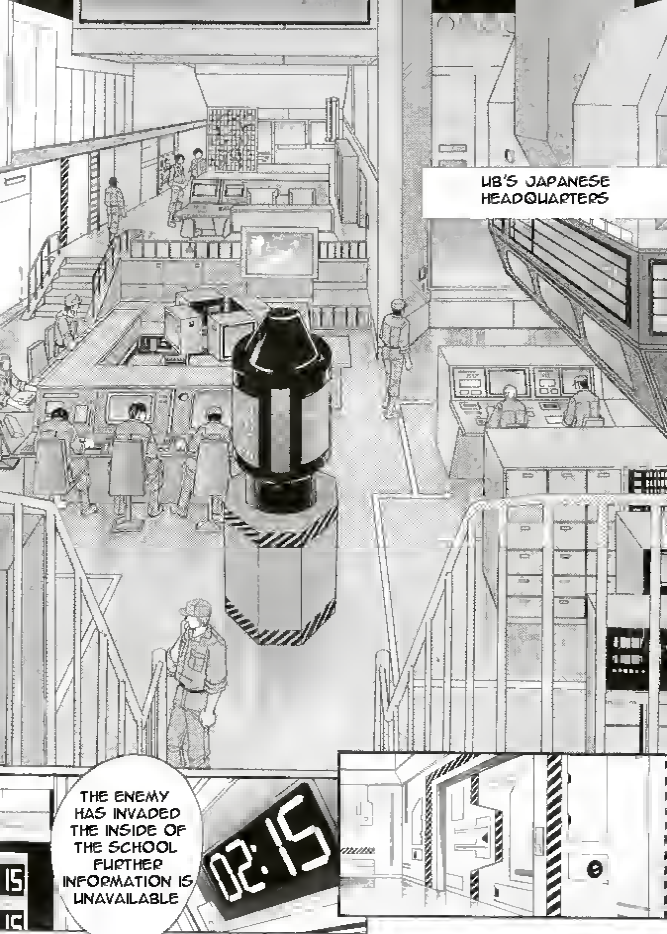

I MEAN, THEY HAVE THE ABILITY... BUT THE WAY THEY DO IT... THEY'RE TOO VIOLENT...
YOU'RE REPLACING US?
S.O.F. IS CAPABLE OF GETTING THE JOB DONE
WE CANNOT LET SOME UNKNOWN ORGANISATION GET THE KEY BEFORE WE DO.
THE "KEY" IS VERY IMPORTANT TO US. WE CANNOT AFFORD TO LOSE IT.
THAT'S ALL THAT MATTERS TO US


UB'S JAPANESE HEADQUARTERS
THE ENEMY HAS INVADED THE INSIDE OF THE SCHOOL FURTHER INFORMATION IS UNAVAILABLE
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SHE GOT CALLED OUT AT THE BACK AGAIN.
WE HAD TO INTERFERE.
WE ONLY KNOW THAT ICHINOMIYA DOESN'T GET ALONG WITH HER CLASS-MATES VERY WELL
YOU FOUGHT WITH THE STUDENTS?
NO. THEY RAN AWAY WHEN THEY SAW US.
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THEY MUST HAVE SENSED YOUR POWERFUL AURAS AND GOTTEN SCARED

YOU'RE NOT ACTUAL STUDENTS FROM THE SCHOOL
ANYWAY, GOOD WORK NUMBER 33 AND NUMBER 39. PLEASE CONTINUE TO WATCH HER.
UNDER-STOOD
THOUGH, TRY BEING A LITTLE MORE DISCREET

TALKING ABOUT THE SCHOOL?
UH-HUH

GOOD WORK TO-DAY
TH-ANKS YOU TOO

THE ORGANISATION THAT IS EYEING ICHINOMIYA IN ORDER TO GET "THE KEY" IS CALLED
"KASHYASE"
THEY TRAFFIC AND SMUGGLE WEAPONS
I'VE FOUND OUT THE ENEMY'S IDENTITY
ALSO
WELL NOTHING NEW IS GOING ON IN THE APARTMENT, AND ICHINOMIYA HAS ALREADY GONE TO BED
THOUGH, PEOPLE DRESSED AS SECURITY GUARDS HAVE BEEN SEEN AROUND THE MANSION
I SEE
THOUGH, THEY'RE A FAIRLY LARGE ORGANISATION. THEY HAVE A BIG NUMBER OF COMBAT TROOPS, TOO
THEY HAVE BUT A FEW REPRESENTATIVES, INCLUDING THEIR HEAD LEADER, THE BRAZILIAN CARLOS ROCHA
THEIR MAJOR CUSTOMERS ARE FROM MAFIA AND TERRORIST ORGANISATIONS
AND THEIR MAIN BASE IS IN SOUTH AMERICA

HAVE YOU FOUND THEIR HIDEOUT YET?
SO FAR, THEY'VE BEEN THE ONLY ORGANI-SATION TO MAKE A MOVE.
I SEE ... WEAPON TRAFFICKING ... IT MAKES SENSE
LIKE CARLOS, NO ONE SEEMS TO BE LIMITED TO ONE PLACE. SO NOT YET...
I SEE
I GUESS CRUSHING THEIR ORGANISATION MAY TAKE A LITTLE MORE TIME THAN EXPECTED
YES ...
THE HEART OF THE ORGANI-SATION IS ALL YOURS.
UH-HUH
THE SEARCH IS STILL ON, HOWEVER NOTHING HAS COME UP.
WHAT HAS BECOME OF THE SEARCH IN THE MANSION?

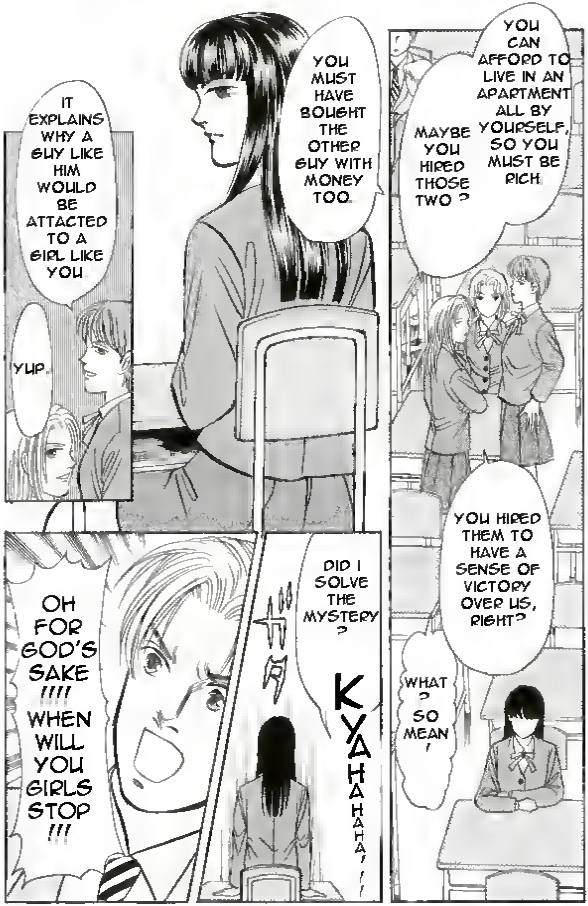
BY THE WAY NINE, WILL YOU PROCEED TO BE ICHINOMIYA SAYA'S ESCORT?
SORRY
I GUESS THAT'S ANOTHER THING I HAVE TO WAIT FOR
HE MUST HAVE FOUND A REALLY GOOD HIDING PLACE FOR THE "KEY"
...
NO
DO YOU SEE ONE?
WHY NOT?
SHE SEEMS TO LIKE IT. I DONT SEE THE PROBLEM.
"
AH
OK
THEN YOU CAN GO BACK TO YOUR MISSION GOOD WORK

AND I MAY BE WRONG,
BUT FROM WHAT I HEARD EARLIER, IT SEEMS TO ME AS IF NINE WAS THE MAIN REASON WHY ICHINOMIYA GOT CALLED,
WHICH LED TO 33 AND 39 HAVING TO GET INVOLVED.
I KNOW I WAS OVER REACTING
AND I'VE STARTED TO WORRY EVER SINCE SHE STARTED TO ESCORT ICHINOMIYA SAYA.
THOUGH I KNOW THAT SHE IS MORE THAN CAPABLE OF TAKING CARE OF HERSELF...
SHE'S STILL JUST A TEENAGER.
THERE ARE STILL MANY THINGS NINE DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT LOVE.

I'LL TELL 33 WHEN I'M NOT BUSY
WELL, AS LONG AS IT DOESN'T HINDER THE MISSION

IT'S TRUE! THOSE GIRLS DON'T GO TO OUR SCHOOL!
WE'RE TELLING THE TRUTH!
WE EXAMINED EVERY SINGLE CLASS, AND NEITHER OF THEM WERE IN ANY SINGLE ONE OF THE CLASSES!!!
THAT'S RIGHT!!!
BY THEM YOU MEAN...
"THE DUO OF GREAT POWER" THAT YOU WERE SO INTENT RUNNING AWAY FROM?
BUT THEY WERE WEARING OUR SCHOOL UNIFORM RIGHT? MAYBE YOU GIRLS WERE MISTAKEN?
THEY REALLY AREN'T FROM OUR SCHOOL!!!

SO THEY'RE WEARING OUR UNIFORMS, BUT DON'T GO TO OUR SCHOOL... MAYBE THEY'RE GHOSTS?
YUP.
HEY... ARE THEY YELLING ABOUT WHAT YOU WERE TELLING US ABOUT THE TWO GIRLS EARLIER?
WHEN I SAW THOSE GIRLS, ALL THEY DID WAS STAND THERE...
BUT YOU COULD SENSE THAT THEY WERE DANGER-OUS PEOPLE
NOT TO MENTION HOW BEAUTIFUL THEY WERE
EVEN I WAS SCARED.
YOU'RE THE ONE BEHIND THIS RIGHT?
BUT TWO UNKNOWN GIRLS COMING TO OUR SCHOOL WEARING OUR UNIFORM... MYSTERIOUS ISN'T IT?
LUCKY!!! I WOULD HAVE LOVED TO SEE A "POWERFUL BEAUTY" !!!


YOU CAN AFFORD TO LIVE IN AN APARTMENT ALL BY YOURSELF, SO YOU MUST BE RICH.
MAYBE YOU HIRED THOSE TWO?
YOU HIRED THEM TO HAVE A SENSE OF VICTORY OVER US, RIGHT?
WHAT? SO MEAN!
YOU MUST HAVE BOUGHT THE OTHER GUY WITH MONEY TOO.
IT EXPLAINS WHY A GUY LIKE HIM WOULD BE ATTACTED TO A GIRL LIKE YOU
YUP.
DID I SOLVE THE MYSTERY?
KYAHAHAHA!!
OH FOR GOD'S SAKE!!!! WHEN WILL YOU GIRLS STOP!!!

YOU'RE ACTING LIKE TEN YEARS OLD SCHOOL KIDS!
AREN'T YOU TWO EMBARASSED? ALWAYS SAYING TRASHY THINGS ABOUT OTHERS.

DAISUKE YOU'RE REALLY BRAVE

ALTHOUGH WHAT THESE GIRLS HAVE BEEN DOING WAS CHILDISH,
ISN'T ICHINOMIYA A BIT AT FAULT, TOO?

DAISUKE-KUN, CAN I SAY SOME-THING?
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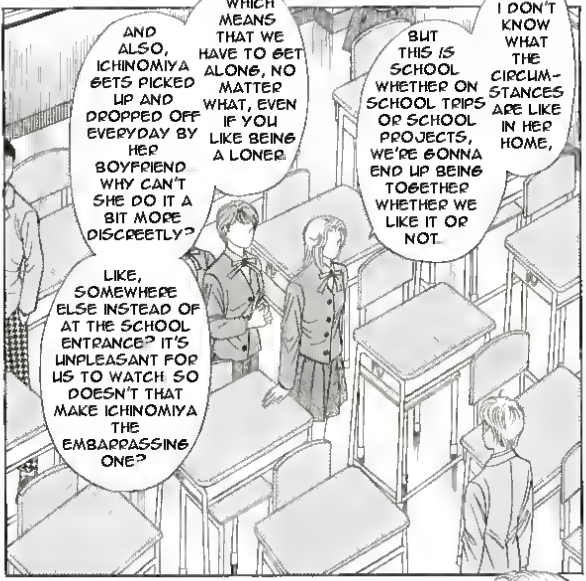
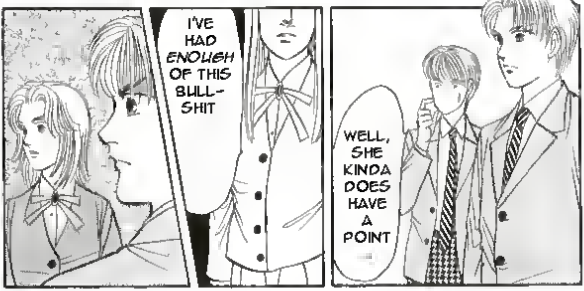
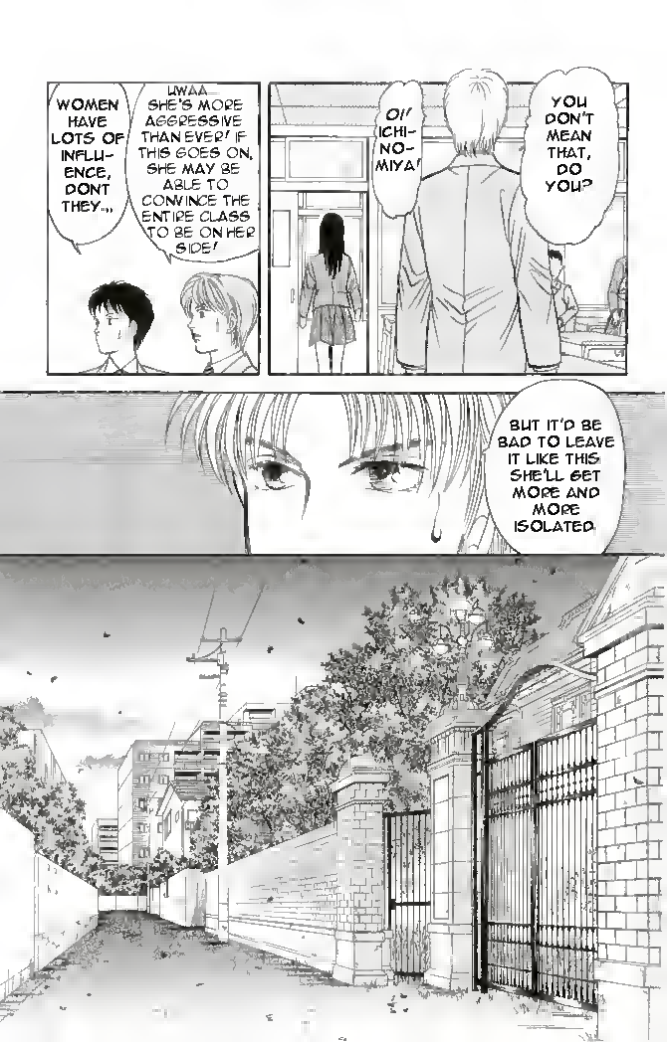

I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE CIRCUM-STANCES ARE LIKE IN HER HOME,
BUT THIS IS SCHOOL WHETHER ON SCHOOL TRIPS OR SCHOOL PROJECTS, WE'RE GONNA END UP BEING TOGETHER WHETHER WE LIKE IT OR NOT.
WHICH MEANS THAT WE HAVE TO GET ALONG, NO MATTER WHAT, EVEN IF YOU LIKE BEING A LONER.
AND ALSO, ICHINOMIYA GETS PICKED UP AND DROPPED OFF EVERYDAY BY HER BOYFRIEND. WHY CAN'T SHE DO IT A BIT MORE DISCREETLY?
LIKE, SOMEWHERE ELSE INSTEAD OF AT THE SCHOOL ENTRANCE? IT'S UNPLEASANT FOR US TO WATCH. SO DOESN'T THAT MAKE ICHINOMIYA THE EMBARRASSING ONE?


I'VE HAD *ENOUGH* OF THIS BULL-SHIT
WELL, SHE KINDA DOES HAVE A POINT

AND SINCE WHEN WAS THERE A LAW AGAINST BRINGING A BOY IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL GATES? DID I PHYSICALLY CAUSE ANY TROUBLE?
UN-PLEASANT TO WATCH? REALLY? WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? ARE YOU ROYALTY?
SINCE WHEN DID IT BECOME MY RESPON-SIBILITY TO PLEASE YOU?
EXACTLY
JUST BECAUSE YOU CAN'T GET SOMETHING ON YOUR OWN, IT DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN DESTROY OTHER PEOPLE'S HAPPINESS!
AND ALSO SAYING SOMETHING IS WRONG BECAUSE IT DOES NOT FIT YOUR CRITERIA OF WHAT IS RIGHT WHAT ARROGANCE!
BESIDES, I CHOSE TO BE A LONER FOR A REASON


YOU DON'T MEAN THAT, DO YOU?
OI! ICHI-NO-MIYA!
UWAA... SHE'S MORE AGGRESSIVE THAN EVER! IF THIS GOES ON, SHE MAY BE ABLE TO CONVINCE THE ENTIRE CLASS TO BE ON HER SIDE!
WOMEN HAVE LOTS OF INFLU-ENCE, DON'T THEY...
BUT IT'D BE BAD TO LEAVE IT LIKE THIS SHE'LL GET MORE AND MORE ISOLATED.

WELL, THEN, SEE YA
BYE BYE!
DON'T WORRY! I ALREADY BOUGHT EVERYTHING I NEED. I'M NOT GOING ANY-WHERE
AH, BEFORE I LEAVE... I MUST ASK YOU TO PLEASE REFRAIN FROM LEAVING YOUR HOUSE.
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EX-CUSE ME!
AH ... UM ...
AH, YOU MUST BE MIYAZAKI DAISUKE ICHINO-MIYA'S CLASS-MATE.
HUH? HOW DID YOU KNOW?!
YOU'RE ALWAYS AT THE SCHOOL GATE SO SHE TOLD ME WHO YOU WERE.
AH I SEE ...
AND? WHAT DO YOU NEED ME FOR?

ICHINOMIYA-SAN WAS ALREADY ASKED THIS QUESTION AT SCHOOL SHE DIDN'T RESPOND VERY WELL
BUT YOU
UMM, THIS MAY BE A LITTLE BLUNT AND RUDE BUT,
CAN YOU QUIT PICKING UP AND DROPPING ICHINOMIYA OFF IN FRONT OF OUR SCHOOL GATES?
IF YOU WERE TO ASK HER MAYBE SHE WOULD AGREE
I'M ASKING YOU THIS BECAUSE SHE'S STARTING TO GET ISOLATED AT SCHOOL
ISO-LATED
YEAH SHE USED HAVE LOTS OF FRIENDS
BUT EVER SINCE YOU STARTED TO PICK HER UP
SO
PLEASE!

AH
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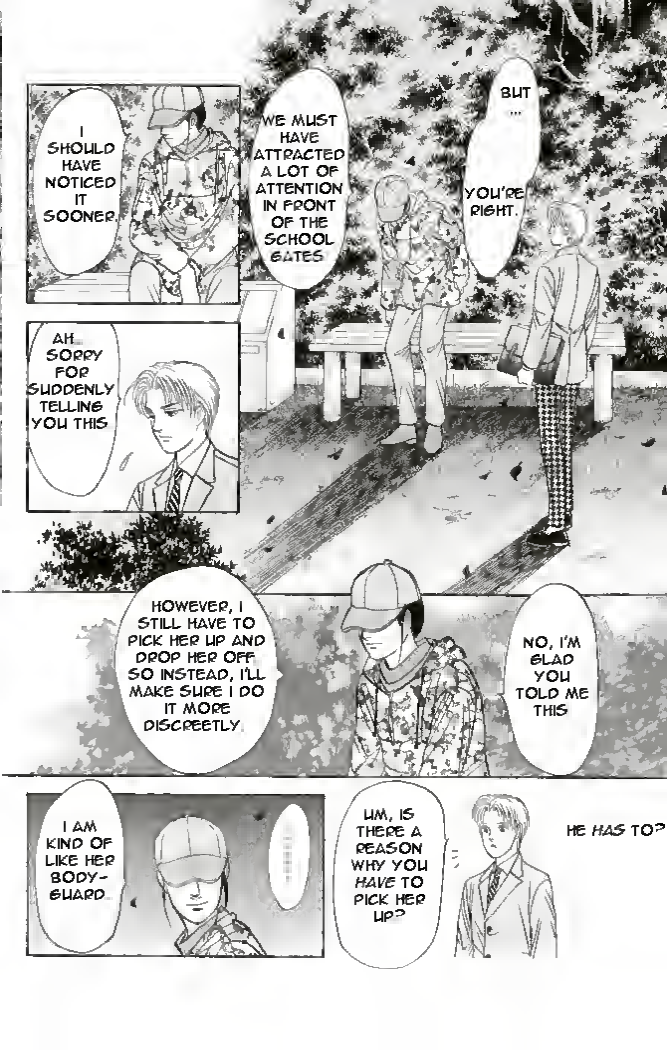
WALK WITH ME?
AHH... HOLD ON.
I KNOW IT'S BAD OF ME TO ASK YOU THIS, BUT I THINK YOU'PE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN SOLVE THIS!
NO ONE CAN BOTHER US IF WE'PE HERE.


I SHOULD HAVE NOTICED IT SOONER.
WE MUST HAVE ATTRACTED A LOT OF ATTENTION IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL GATES.
BUT ...
YOU'RE RIGHT.
AH... SORRY FOR SUDDENLY TELLING YOU THIS
HOWEVER, I STILL HAVE TO PICK HER UP AND DROP HER OFF SO INSTEAD, I'LL MAKE SURE I DO IT MORE DISCREETLY.
NO, I'M GLAD YOU TOLD ME THIS
I AM KIND OF LIKE HER BODY-GUARD.
UM, IS THERE A REASON WHY YOU *HAVE* TO PICK HER UP?
HE *HAS* TO?

ICHINOMIYA GOT INVOLVED IN SOMETHING DANGEROUS.
I'M ESCORTING HER AROUND TO KEEP HER SAFE.
THAT IS WHY I MUST TO PICK HER UP AND DROP HER OFF FROM SCHOOL.
AH SO THAT'S HOW IT IS
HOW DID IT HAPPEN?
SORRY. I CAN'T SAY.
AH RIGHT
SO YOU'RE ESCORTING HER FOR THAT REASON?
YES
SO YOU'RE JUST HER ESCORT? NOTHING MORE?
IS THERE SOMETHING ELSE?
LIKE
YOU DON'T HOLD ANY SPECIAL FEELINGS FOR HER OR ANYTHING?

HA?
I THINK YOU'VE MISUNDERSTOOD SOMETHING...
UM...
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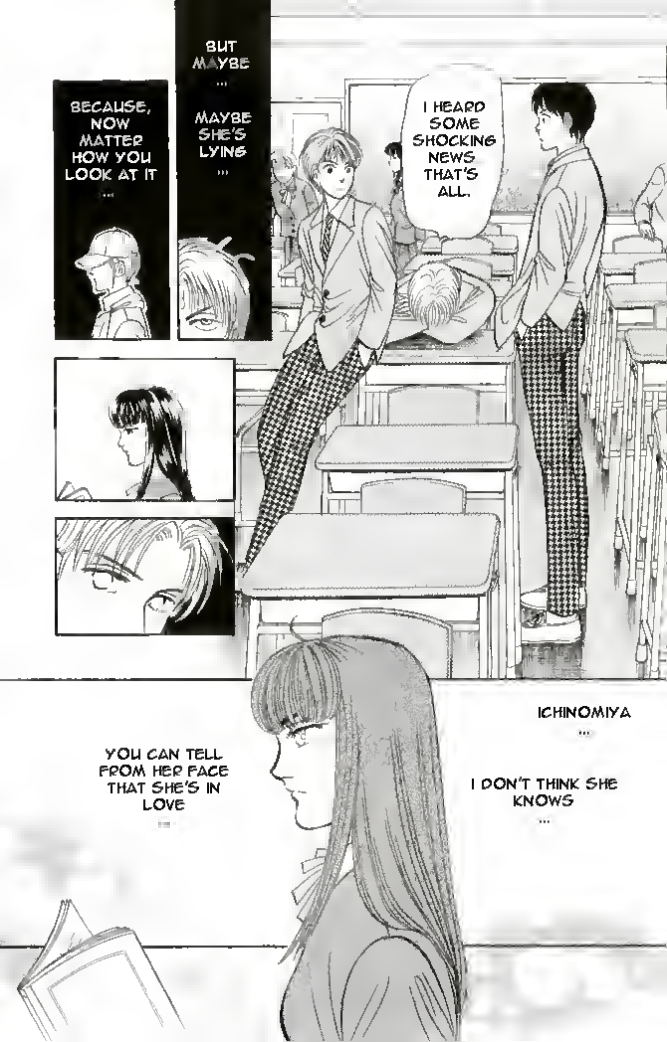
UWAAA...
FROM UP CLOSE, HE'S EVEN MORE BEAUTIFUL...
THIS IS BAD...
YOU TOO...

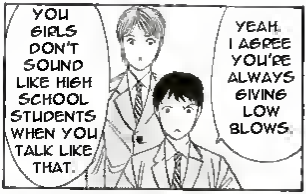
YOU THINK I'M A GUY?
NOT A GUY ...
A GIRL?

NO WAAAAY!!!!
DAISUKE, WHAT'S WRONG? YOU LOOK DEAD.


I HEARD SOME SHOCKING NEWS THAT'S ALL.
BUT MAYBE ...
MAYBE SHE'S LYING ...
BECAUSE, NOW MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT ...
ICHINOMIYA ...
I DON'T THINK SHE KNOWS ...
YOU CAN TELL FROM HER FACE THAT SHE'S IN LOVE ...

UGH WHAT A LONER
IF SHE WERE TO FIND OUT
THAT PERSON DIDN'T COME TODAY?
SOME-THING MUST HAVE HAP-PENED
SHE WAS ALONE THIS MORNING, TOO
WHAT ABOUT BEING HER ESCORT?
HE PROBABLY DUMPED HER
AWW THAT'S SAD
BUT I KNEW HE'D EVENTUALLY GET TIRED OF HER
NOT AGAIN
THERE ARE THINGS THAT EVEN MONEY CAN'T BUY.

I CAN'T TAKE IT ANY-MORE !!! WHEN WILL YOU TWO STOP?!
YOUR FAMILY LEFT YOU TOO, RIGHT? AWW, POOR YOU.
NOT ONLY YOUR FAMILY, BUT YOUR BOYFRIEND TOO? THAT'S HARSH
WH-WHAT
HE OBVIOUSLY DITCHED HER. WHY DO WE HAVE TO HIDE IT? EVERYONE KNEW SHE WAS GOING TO GET DUMPED ANYWAY.
LEAVE HER ALONE!! IT DOESN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH YOU TWO !!!
DON'T YOU HAVE A HEART?
WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU TWO?
HOW CAN YOU KEEP SAYING SUCH HURTFUL THINGS!
YEAH !!!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH TELLING THE TRUTH ?!


YOU GIRLS DON'T SOUND LIKE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WHEN YOU TALK LIKE THAT.
YEAH. I AGREE YOU'RE ALWAYS GIVING LOW BLOWS.

WH-WHAT? HOW DARE YOU!
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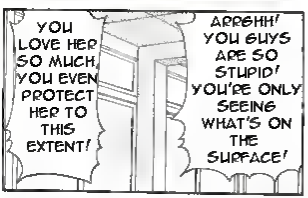
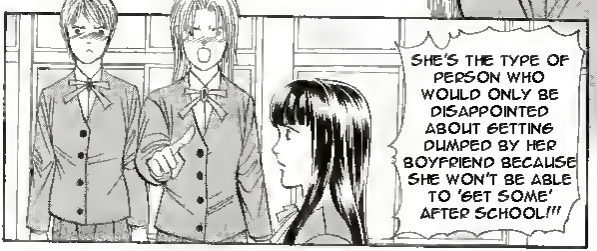
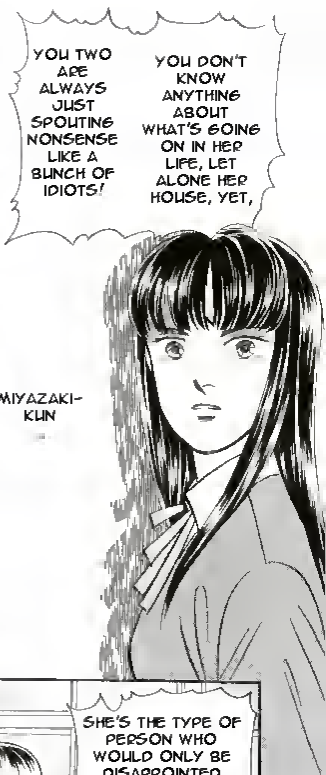
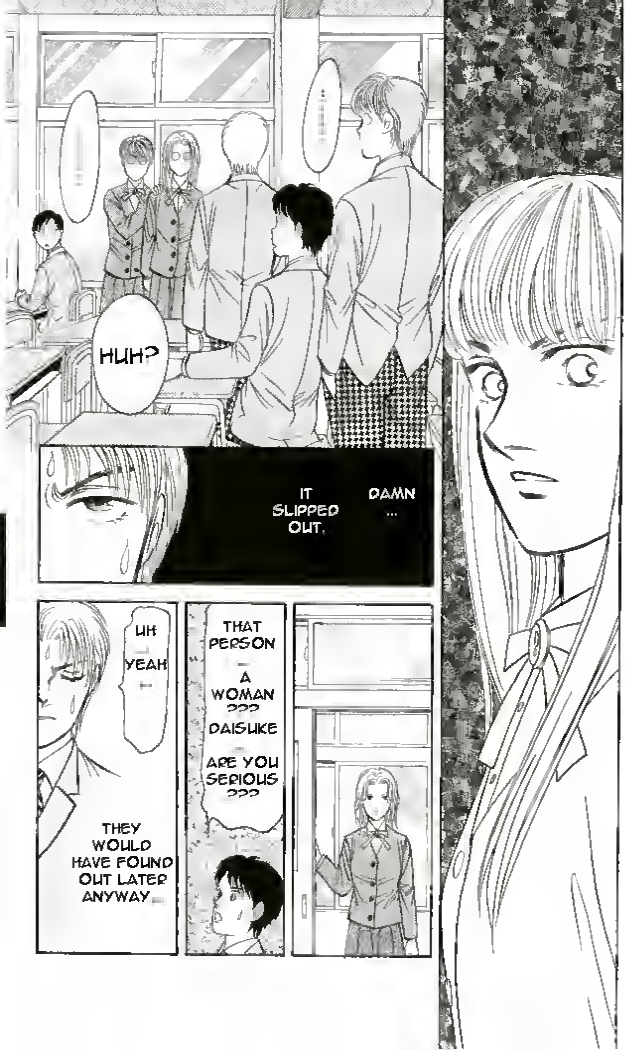
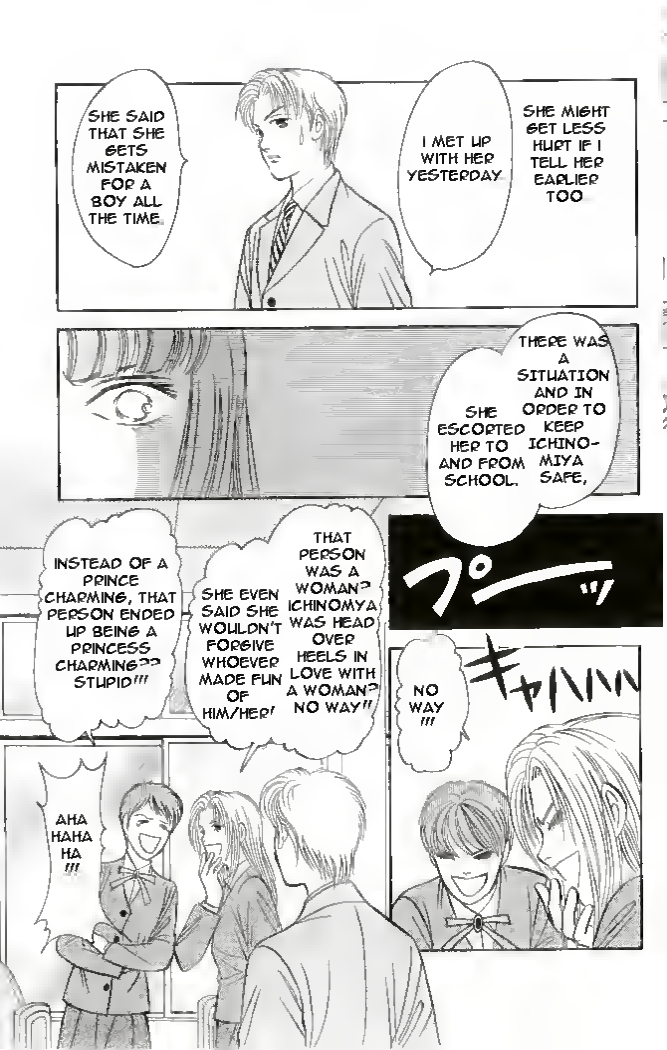

YOU LOVE HER SO MUCH, YOU EVEN PROTECT HER TO THIS EXTENT!
ARRGHH! YOU GUYS ARE SO STUPID! YOU'RE ONLY SEEING WHAT'S ON THE SURFACE!


SHE'S THE TYPE OF PERSON WHO WOULD ONLY BE DISAPPOINTED ABOUT GETTING DUMPED BY HER BOYFRIEND BECAUSE SHE WON'T BE ABLE TO 'GET SOME' AFTER SCHOOL!!!


YOU TWO ARE ALWAYS JUST SPOUTING NONSENSE LIKE A BUNCH OF IDIOTS!
YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON IN HER LIFE, LET ALONE HER HOUSE, YET,
MIYAZAKI-KUN

YOU FEEL BAD FOR ME? FEEL BAD FOR YOURSELF!!!
HEY HARUMU
CALM DOWN
I FEEL BAD FOR YOU DAISUKE! YOU'RE BLINDLY PROTECTING SOMEONE WHO WON'T ACKNOWLEDGE YOU!
IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR ICHINOMIYA TO "GET SOME" WITH THAT PERSON !!!!
HE'S A WOMAN !!!!!


HUH?
IT SLIPPED OUT.
DAMN ...
UH YEAH ...
THEY WOULD HAVE FOUND OUT LATER ANYWAY...
THAT PERSON ... A WOMAN ??? DAISUKE ... ARE YOU SERIOUS ???


SHE SAID THAT SHE GETS MISTAKEN FOR A BOY ALL THE TIME.
I MET UP WITH HER YESTERDAY.
SHE MIGHT GET LESS HURT IF I TELL HER EARLIER TOO
THERE WAS A SITUATION AND IN ORDER TO KEEP ICHINOMIYA SAFE, SHE ESCORTED HER TO AND FROM SCHOOL.
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NO WAY !!!
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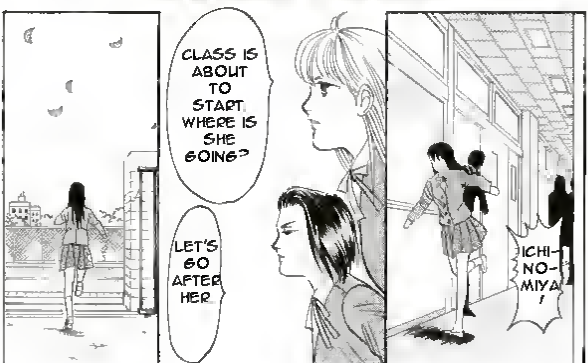
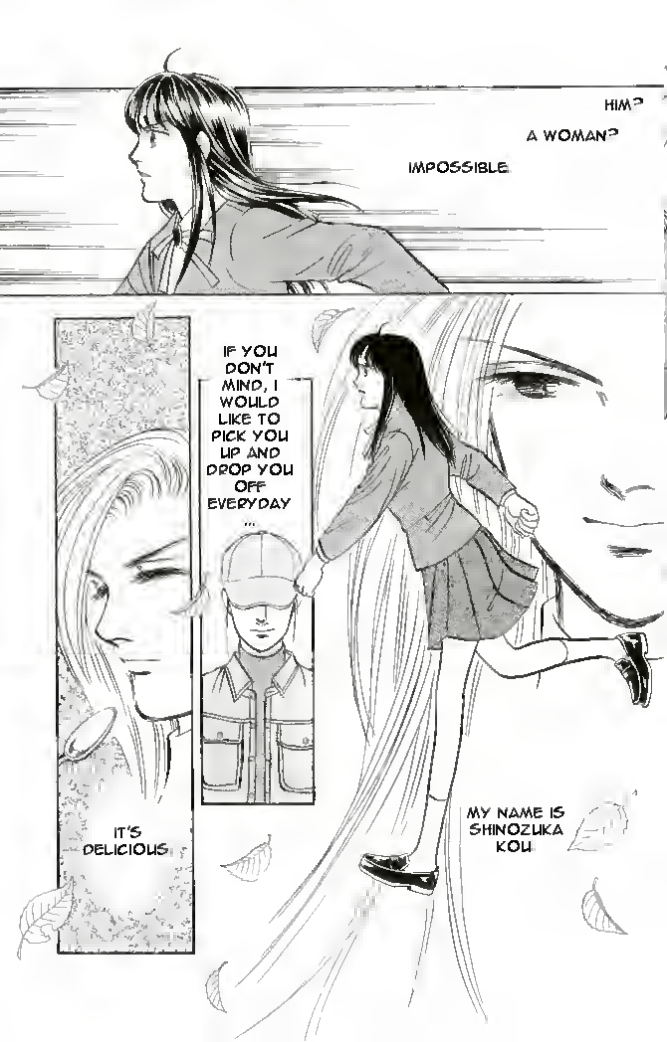
INSTEAD OF A PRINCE CHARMING, THAT PERSON ENDED UP BEING A PRINCESS CHARMING?? STUPID!!!
SHE EVEN SAID SHE WOULDN'T FORGIVE WHOEVER MADE FUN OF HIM/HER!
THAT PERSON WAS A WOMAN? ICHINOMYA WAS HEAD OVER HEELS IN LOVE WITH A WOMAN? NO WAY!!
AHA HAHA HA !!!

ICHI-NO-MIYA !!


CLASS IS ABOUT TO START. WHERE IS SHE GOING?
LET'S GO AFTER HER.
ICHI-NO-MIYA !


HIM?
A WOMAN?
IMPOSSIBLE
IF YOU DON'T MIND, I WOULD LIKE TO PICK YOU UP AND DROP YOU OFF EVERYDAY ...
IT'S DELICIOUS
MY NAME IS SHINOZUKA KOU

I KNOW I CAN'T CHANGE THE FACT THAT SHE'S A GIRL...
BUT WHY AM I SO SAD?
I ALSO MET HER HERE
MY MOM'S FAVOURITE PLACE...

YOU WERE THE ONLY PERSON I HAD EVER FALLEN IN LOVE WITH
I LOVED YOU
I LOVED YOU SO MUCH
YOU'RE ICHINOMIYA-SAN RIGHT? IS SOMETHING WRONG?
HEY ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

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